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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application

Title: PROCESS FOR RAPID DYEING AND RAPID  
DECOLORATION OF HUMAN KERATIN FIBRES WITH  
CERTAIN DIRECT DYES

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 36 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 2 independent claims and 41 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (3 pgs.)/Form PTO 1449/French Search Report (3 pgs.)/Documents (8).
4. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

<b>Basic Application Filing Fee</b>						<b>\$ 770.00</b>
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	41	-	20	21	X \$ 18	\$ 378.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	X \$ 86	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					+ \$ 290	= 0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>						<b>\$ 1,148.00</b>
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Applicants claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on French Patent Application No. 02 13097, filed October 21, 2002, in France. Applicants also claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/423,996, filed November 6, 2002, in the United States.

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**Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.**

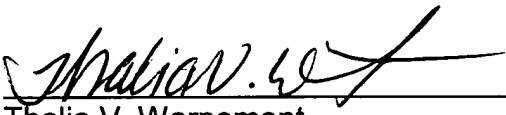
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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